

MEA Program Survey Results Consolidated

Kinds of Revisions:

Categories	6 Districts
Suggestions for Revision	
Reduce to 2 or 3 categories (750,000 ↑↓?) How many departments are currently in each category?	
re-evaluate categories, raise all categories over x,000,000.	
Keep the categories so that there is a fair balance. My issue is that it seems to have gotten out of hand for what is expected to be submitted and the amount of time it takes to put it together.	
Committee member reviews.	
The categories should probably be looked at as department budgets have gone up considerably. For example, we used to be in Category B and are now in Category A; however, our budget is small in comparison to a department in King County, Pierce County, or Clark County.	
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I feel that we should broaden the categories because a department with a budget just breaking a million is going up against much larger departments that will always win. If departments don't feel like they have a chance then they will not take the time to make it happen.	

Questions	3 Districts
Suggestions for Revision	
I'm not really sure - it just is the same year after year and needs some updating.	

Point System	3 Districts
Other Revisions:	
Budget and revenue for one fiscal year as reported to state auditor. We use a cash basis and BARS - saves on having to recalculate 3/4 of one year plus 1/4 of following year.	
Make reporting period as the calendar year i.e. for the next year everyone would report on 2008. This would eliminate additional reports needing to be created on top of the annual report by chiefs and admin personnel.	
We need to advertise the award and make fire districts and commissioners aware of the background and purpose of the award. It would be beneficial if everyone was made aware of the kinds of things the award was based on with examples used by previous winners. In my opinion, information about these awards was not advertised and were only mentioned at the time the awards were made.	
The key to success of any program is in the promotion. The more people hear about a program the more prone they are to participate. Maybe some changes need to be made to the MEA program, but not being aware of what the program is about and what a district needs to do to compete, I would guess it would be appropriate to ask those districts that used to participate, but don't anymore, why don't they participate anymore and what changes would they recommend to make the MEA program more palatable to all districts.	

Fire District of the Year:	6 Districts
Fire Commissioner of the Year:	4 Districts
Fire Chief of the Year:	1 District

District Secretary of the Year:	1 District
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